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Undergraduate Psychology Conference

UCF Palm Bay Psi Chi Honor Society and Psychology clubs hosted an Undergraduate Psychology Major Conference in November. Over 90 students attended the conference which included interviewing workshops and a graduate school panel. Winners of the poster session were:

Research Category

First place: "Text-messaging and trust in autonomous vehicles: A multiple regression analysis," by **Amanda Matioli, Emma McGeath, Zoe Philipson, Max Fulgueira and Jairy Villacress**

Second place: "Effects of various writing prompts on subjective ratings of stress," by **Julie Gaudio, Kerstin Carter, James Oskam, Maggie Harding, Allison Long and Kate Barber**

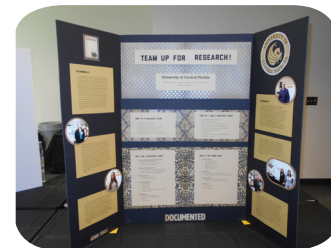
Third place: "Averse Racism and Selection Decisions: 1989, 1999, and 2105," by **Jason English, Alyssa Finner, Samantha Shepard, James Kozachuk and Jacob Walters**

Experience Category

First place: "Personal Accounts of Volunteer Experience at the South Brevard Women's Center," by **John Kimsey and Zoie Mirling**

Second place: "Boots to Flip Flops," by **Phillip Combass and Terrance Carroll**

Third place: "Team up for Research!" by **Kerstin Carter, Julie Gaudio, James Oskam, Maggie Harding, Allison Long, and Kate Barber**



Lifelong Learning Lecture Series



The UCF Cocoa campus is presenting a new faculty lecture series, Lifelong Learning Lectures. This series will showcase the research done by faculty on the UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses. The first lecture will be presented by **Dr. Adam Pritchard**, Sociology, on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm in room 103. "Saving Lives with Science: The Brevard Strangulation Prevention Project," is based on research done by Dr. Pritchard and his colleagues, in partnership with the Brevard County Strangulation Prevention Workgroup, to try to save lives in this community and advance national knowledge on how to best address high-risk domestic violence incidents.

Any UCF Cocoa or Palm Bay faculty member who would like to present research as part of the Lifelong Learning Lecture series should contact **Dr. Lauren Miller** at Lauren.Miller@ucf.edu. The lectures will be offered in mid-February, early April, mid-September, and early November (exact dates varying depending on the presenting faculty member's schedule).



Knights Pantry

Over the course of the fall semester, Cocoa staff, faculty and students collected items for the Knights Pantry on the Cocoa campus. The UCF Cocoa Knights Pantry supplies non-perishable food items, toiletries, and professional and casual clothing to UCF students in need.

The pantry is open to all UCF students with a valid UCF ID card. A student can have five food items per day (with the exception of Shelf Ready Meals which each count as five).

Knights Pantry hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am - 11:00 am on Fridays. During the summer, the pantry is only open Monday through Thursday.

The Knights Pantry accepts donations year round which can be left with Paula Cepero in Cocoa building 3, room 203.



Shop from the Heart

During October, the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses collected donations of hygiene products and clothing from toddler through adult sizes for the Shop from the Heart campaign. Five boxes worth of items were taken to the Supply Zone for Teachers at the Clearlake Education Center.

Shop from the Heart is a charity drive organized by Supply Zone for Teachers and Brevard Public Schools Foundation which benefits homeless K-12 students in Brevard County. During the event, Homeless Student Liaison teachers from impoverished schools in the area can gather clothing, toiletries, and school supplies for students at their schools. The year's event reached all 97 Homeless Student Liaison teachers in the district and distributed \$15,000 worth of school supplies, \$14,500 worth of hygiene products, and \$13,000 worth of clothing.

To Our Friends at the University of Central Florida
 Thank you for your donations for Shop from the Heart. Your gift has made its way to hundreds of homeless students throughout the county. Students have fewer resources when school's out for the holidays, and your support is greatly valued. Not only does your wellness gift fill a great need, but you also let students know the community cares.
 Thank you! Sincerely,
 The Supply Zone for Teachers

The Cocoa campus will be hosting a school supply drive for the Supply Zone for Teachers during the month of March. The spring donation deadline is Monday, March 28, by 9:00 am in suite 147.

SPCA of Brevard

The SPCA of Brevard was chosen as the 2015 Winter Holiday Charity for the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses. Cat and dog supplies and food, and cleaning items from the SPCA's online wishlist were collected from Cocoa and Palm Bay faculty, staff and students. The campaign was popular and a huge success with eight boxes of items being gathered under the black & gold tree.

The SPCA of Brevard (adoption center at 6035 Sisson Road in Titusville) is a no-kill shelter that takes in animals from the local community, Brevard County Animal Shelters, and from outside shelters. In the 2014 fiscal year, the SPCA adopted out 2,164 pets and increased their adult cat adoptions by 800% from five years ago.



Faculty Publications

DiBernardo, Sabatino. "Reading the Signs" in *The Ultimate Walking Dead and Philosophy*, ed. Wayne Yuen (Chicago: Open Court; December, 2105)

DiBernardo, Sabatino. "Differentiating the Dead" Walker Bites Essay in *The Ultimate Walking Dead and Philosophy*, ed. Wayne Yuen (Chicago: Open Court; December, 2105)

Pritchard, Adam (with co-authors Amy Reckdenwald and Chelsea Nordham). "Non-Fatal Strangulation as Part of Domestic Violence: A Review of Research" accepted to the journal *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*.

Faculty Presentations

Alderman, Barbara with Dr. Donna Malvey of UCF, Dr. D. Slovensky of UAB, Birmingham, Dr. V. Gurupur of UCF presented a workshop on "The mHealth[care] Team: Beyond Doctors and Patients" at the annual meeting of the Society for Design and Process Science.

Roberts, S.K., Crawford, P.A., & **Brasel, N.H.** Shifting the conversation: Examining, revealing, and articulating persistence through children's literature. Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference of the American Reading Forum. Sanibel, FL.

Levin, J.N., **Brasel, N.H.**, Vatalaro, A., & Taylor, T. If you give a preschooler a muffin: Bringing children, families, and university students together for literacy in an urban neighborhood struggling with poverty. National Association for the Education of Young Children 2015 Annual Conference & Expo. Orlando, FL.

Ezell, D. The magic of inclusion. Professional Development Workshop. Department of Teaching & Learning - Invited Speaker. Southeastern Louisiana University: Hammond, LA.

Kyle, Barbara. "Writing for Publication in English as a Second Language: Working in Shanghai with Engineering Graduate Students." Florida College English Association 2015 Conference.

Williams, K., Warren, B., & Vanderpool, C. Accountable independent reading as focal point: Step 1 - amass a treasure of books. Presentation at Florida Reading Associations.

Faculty Achievements

Barbara Rau Kyle was awarded a two-semester Professional Development Leave for her Shanghai Writing Center proposal.

Dr. Florin Mihai was selected for the 2016-17 U.S. Student Fulbright National Screening Committee.

Dr. Adam Pritchard is a Co-PI along with Principal Investigator Christine Mouton (Victim Services) and Co-PI Sarah Laake (Victim Services) on a grant for \$124,000 from the Florida Department of Health to implement Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training to prevent sexual and dating violence on campus among Greek students at UCF.

Staff Achievements

Four UCF Cocoa staff members were recognized for their years of service to UCF: **Alex Armstrong** - 10 years, **Darlene Kraft** - 20 years, **Lauren Miller** - 10 years, **Nick Pantloni** - 10 years

Dr. Lauren Miller was a judge at the Psi Chi Palm Bay Undergraduate Psychology Conference, and attended the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in December.

Nick Pantloni attended the Foundations of Excellence Year 2 Launch Party where updates were shared regarding the second phase of the project.

Training and Enrichment offered in Cocoa & Palm Bay

Examining the Real Disability Barriers
2015 Diversity Breakfast
UCF Peace Film Series "Red Tails"
EFSC Campus Safety/Active Shooter
Workshop

Southern Region Administration

Continued collaboration with other UCF departments through:

- Attendance at UCF/EFSC WAN meeting
- Compiling Regional Campuses information needed for the UCF SACS COC reaffirmation
- Membership on the UCF Title IX workgroup
- Representation at the Johnson Scholarship Foundation Luncheon

Continued collaboration with EFSC through attendance at the following:

- EFSC Provost/Executive Council Meetings
- EFSC BOT meetings
- Meetings with EFSC Provosts
- Meeting with EFSC Cocoa Provost Ethel Newman regarding EFSC/UCF partnership
- Meeting with Tony Akers, Asst. Cocoa Provost, regarding the EFSC/UCF Writing Center
- EFSC Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Cocoa Student Center
- EFSC/UCF Direct Connect meeting in October held in Cocoa. Other UCF attendees were: Angela Peterson, Angelia Jones, Kim Poppert, Sonya Curtis, Deborah Bradford, Jeff Jones, Jennifer Sumner, and Pam Cavanaugh



Continued community involvement through attendance at:

- The 13th Annual Economic Development Update Breakfast for the City of Cocoa
- Economic Development Commission meetings:
 - Investor Update
 - Quarterly Board of Director
 - Quarterly Community Marketing Council
 - EDC New Board Member training
- United Way Community Impact Funding Panel
- Meetings of the Brevard CareerSource, Business Workforce Committee
- Titusville Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Luncheon

Computer Services

If you need IT support, there are now three easy ways to find it:

Submit a Ticket:

helpdesk.rc.ucf.edu

log in using your NID and NID password

Send an Email:

rcit@ucf.edu

Call 407.882.2111 or (toll free) 1.844.766.7521

For IT support at an on-campus event, please include the information with your reservation request. A help ticket will be scheduled at the same time the reservation is made.

College of Arts & Humanities

Gunner Smith, a Composition II student, had his paper “The Field of Industrial Engineering uses a Wide Variety of Genres,” accepted for the 2016 Knights Write Showcase.

College of Business Administration

The new Integrated Business Program started this Spring at the College of Business Cocoa Campus. **Charles Viggiano** was recently hired as an instructor in the new program.

College of Education

Cocoa faculty **Dr. Shloe Kerness** and **Katherine Seeley** coordinated a professional development day seminar for interns held in conjunction with representatives from Brevard Public Schools. Sharon Doucett-Doran of the Human Resources team provided UCF graduating interns with valuable information regarding applying for a teaching position with Brevard Public Schools and acquiring credentials from the State of Florida. Matthew Yount, Brevard Teacher of the Year 2013-14, shared interviewing tips and possible questions to prepare for that next important step following graduation.

Regional faculty Donna Frazee and Irina McLaughlin presented a “brown bag” HAPPY Hour workshop, TESOL Notebook: What, Why, When, Where..., at the UCF Cocoa campus on for elementary education majors. The workshop provided an overview of the TESOL Notebook requirements, how to compile the TESOL documentation, and access to available resources.

Dr. Lewis Blessing's Teaching Science in Elementary School class presented group lessons at the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne. Their lessons were developed from Project Learning Tree (PLT), an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12. The previous week, staff from the zoo conducted training in PLT teaching strategies and multi disciplinary activities for Dr. Blessing's class. Upon successful completion of both sessions, students received certification in Project Learning Tree.

Members of Educators Rising, a club for pre-service teachers in the Cocoa region, volunteered at the Space Coast Marathon. This was the third year Educators Rising (formerly called Future Educators Association) has manned a water station at the 5 mile marker in the marathon. Volunteers gathered in the pitch black at 6:00 a.m. to begin the task of making several hundred gallons of Gatorade and poured over 2000 cups of water to pass out to thirsty runners. This year's marathon theme was “Star Wars” and volunteers got in to the spirit by wearing Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia costumes. Proceeds from this early morning venture will fund a trip for future teachers to attend the International Reading Association Conference in Boston in the summer of 2016.



College of Health and Public Affairs

Dr. Deborah Woodward was nominated for the COHPA Faculty Excellence Alumni Award. Nomination based on UCF Alumni Membership, professional development, academic excellence to students, and community service.

Direct Connect

The Cocoa and Palm Bay Direct Connect Advisor, **Kim Poppert**, had 1,139 contacts with students during the fall semester and conducted 12 EFSC classroom visits. She also attended Dual Enrollment Information Sessions on all four EFSC campuses, and two career classes at West Shore with EFSC. **Jessica Houts** joined Kim for Space Coast College Information Day.

Kim attended the Brevard Public Guidance Directors Meeting hosted by EFSC which presented information about EFSC and Direct Connect to Guidance Directors for all of Brevard County's middle and high schools.

UCF and our partner institutions celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Direct Connect Program in November. More than 41,000 students have joined the UCF family through the program which has helped increase the diversity of the university. Direct Connect has been praised by Politico Magazine, PBS Newshour and the Washington Post, and is considered a blue print for others to follow. **Patricia Terrill, Kim Poppert** and **Dr. Lauren Miller** attended the anniversary ceremony.

Direct Connect to UCF has moved. Visitors will now enter through suite 203, and call 321.433.7889 for all Direct Connect services in Cocoa.

Enrollment Services

Enrollment Services coordinated 59 class visits reaching 1,135 students for Fall 2015. Class visits were supplemented with Virtual Class visits sent to 37 EFSC instructors representing 78 sections. The office also had 1,776 additional contacts with students.

Nick Pantloni attended Brevard Public Schools College Fair reaching out to over 100 students and their families.

Jessica Houts and **Kim Poppert** attended Space Coast Junior Senior High School College Fair to recruit and answer questions from prospective future UCF students.

Nick and Kim attended Parent Preview Night at EFSC to answer questions from parents and their students about high school dual enrollment and Direct Connect.

Enrollment Services has moved. Visitors will now enter through suite 203, and call 321.433.7889 for Admissions, Financial Aid and Registrar services in Cocoa.

Academic Advising

The Student Services and Academic Advising office had a busy semester and had 14,791 contacts with students.

Angel Edgecombe, Sheryl Schagen, and **Patricia Terrill**, along with their Eastern Florida State College colleagues, attended the Transfer and Transition Annual Workshop. The event provided the latest university updates about admissions, financial assistance, academic programs and transfer student initiatives.

Patricia attended a webinar introducing the University's Student Success Collaborative (SSC) which is expected to go live in April 2016.

Angel, along with Raphael Robinson and Angie Jones, presented at the 39th Annual NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) Convention. The title of their presentation was: Re-imagining, Re-organizing, and Re-inventing the Transfer Orientation Experience.

Angel and Sheryl assisted in facilitating the Transfer Launch Meet and Greet Webcast, providing information about various services including presentations by Karemah Manselle, Office of Financial Aid; Igor Volkov, Office of Experiential Learning (Getting Career Experience); Dr. Paula Reynoso, Undergraduate Research (the Benefits of Research); and Angela Newland, UCF Cares (Staying Well). During the webcast, regional campus students had the opportunity to ask questions about the subjects that were presented.

Sheryl continued to present Education Information Sessions in EFSC education prerequisite classes, and is now advising all Cocoa majors.



Student Services

Sonya Curtis represented UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay Student Services at the EFSC Palm Bay Student Welcome Back, and EFSC Melbourne and Palm Bay Disability Awareness Days.

Student Services helped the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections office coordinate voter registration drives on both the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses. Each drive reached around 50 students and resulted in multiple voter registrations.

UCF Health Services offered Flu Shots for students on November 9 where 7 students received flu shots.

For Veterans Day, student veterans were given UCF flash drives and other items in appreciation of their service to our country.

During International Education Week, students were encouraged to participate in the map activity where students placed a pin on the map marking countries to which they've traveled or from where their ancestors came.

The Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses broadcast th UCF Strategic Planning Student Forum where students provided input and shared their perspective for the UCF Strategic Plan.

Joint-Use Library

UCF Libraries have a new webpage that makes it easier to locate the types of items you want to search. You'll notice that the most searched for items have their own tabs. QuickSearch lets you look at results for both books and articles. Check it out: <http://library.ucf.edu/>

New Upgrades for the Cocoa and Palm bay Campus Libraries:

The EFSC/UCF Joint-Use Libraries have brand new computers available for UCF student use. The computers feature huge monitors for easy workflow and creative project design. Each library also has laptops for in-library use as well as iPads which check out to students for a week at a time. Group and individual study rooms are also available.

Still time to request Book/Videos the EFSC/UCF Joint-Use libraries!

The Cocoa and Palm Bay libraries have some limited non-recurrent funds for faculty requests. Please feel free to contact Andrew Todd or Barbara Alderman

with any book, eBook, or DVD/streaming video orders for the EFSC/UCF Joint-Use libraries.

Library Instruction

As you plan for your Spring classes, don't forget that your campus librarians are here to help! Here are just some of the services we offer:

- Faculty may request a customized library instruction session for individual classes. This is a great way to introduce your students to the EFSC/UCF Joint-Use Library as well as the resources available through the UCF libraries.
- One-to-one appointments are available for faculty and students.
- Online library module and an embedded librarian

Questions? Please contact UCF Librarians Barbara Alderman (Barbara.Alderman@ucf.edu; 321-433-7997) or Andrew Todd (Andrew.todd@ucf.edu; 321-433-7878).

Writing Center

During the fall 2015 semester, the Writing Center extended their hours to 8:30 am through 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and hosted 640 one-on-one tutoring sessions for 496 students. The center held 11 Writing and Citation workshops and 4 Creative Writing workshops.

Jessica Rose and **Ashton Carlie** were the winners of "The Horrifying, Terrifying, and Mysterious Path Forward: A Writing Contest for the Stout-Hearted." Their prize was tickets to Universal Studios Halloween

Horror Nights and their work will be published in EFSC literary and art magazine, The Titan Lantern.

Plans for the spring 2016 semester include extending the center hours to 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday, 10 Writing and Citation Workshops, and 4 Poetry Workshops during National Poetry Month in April. The Writing Center will also be judging a writing contest for Black History Month, and holding an essay/poetry contest in April.

Regional Outreach Services



This semester has been an eventful one as SGA's third year funding ROS on the UCF regional campuses. Regional Outreach Services is a branch of the Student Government Association here at UCF, designed to get regional Knights involved on their campuses. With services such as free "eXpress" printing, snacks, and scantrons for students, the lounge in room 236 is a great place to hang out here in Cocoa. In addition, ROS typically hosts two events per month catered towards students.

At the beginning of the fall semester ROS had their Simply Mad Welcome Back Week Tea Party! which included pizza, shirts, games music, prizes and more. The shirts were a hit for ROS and students loved them - over 60 students joined for the entire week. Pizza was catered by Domino's pizza and drinks were catered from Publix. Alice in Wonderland decorations were kindly provided from Space Coast Jr. /Sr. High School.

In September, ROS partnered with Homecoming at the Orlando Campus to have the Outdoor Homecoming

Extravaganza, where the inflatable duck visited for the day. Sandwiches, cookies and drinks were all catered by Publix as well. While working with Homecoming this semester, ROS was able to have Homecoming Week in October - Concert and Comedy Knight Tickets were also distributed out to students. ROS also partnered with Volunteer UCF for Knights Give Back, where students donated to Knights Pantry at the Cocoa/ Palm Bay Campus. The most recent event that occurred was Winter Knights, a pre-finals event so students can relax, and play games; goodie bags with study essentials were provided for students as well.



Follow the ROS Facebook page "UCF ROS Cocoa" for event and print lab updates! Be sure to visit the ROS team up in the lounge for a cup of coffee and a snack for a break during your busy day!

Out & About

Autumn Adams, Enrollment Services, has moved on from her work with UCF. Good luck, Autumn, in your future endeavors.

Angel Edgecombe, Advising, has been transferred the Osceola campus!

Special note: Thanks to **Megan Haught** for her work in completing this newsletter.